

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a,” the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” and Chapter 27, “Issuance of Professional Service Licenses,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments would change the number of practicum and internship hours required for a licensee to add the K-8 and 5-12 professional school counselor endorsement to both an Iowa teaching license and an Iowa professional service license. Currently, Iowa requires 500 hours at the K-8 level and 500 hours at the 5-12 level. This equates to approximately 12.5 weeks for each endorsement or 25 weeks for both. This significantly exceeds the required 100-hour practicum and 600-hour internship required by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), which sets the national standards for counseling. The proposed changes would bring Iowa’s standards into alignment with national standards and cease the imposition of an undue hardship on individuals seeking both endorsements.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments before 4 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2015. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147; or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov; or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Room 3SW, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

These amendments are subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a.”

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subparagraph **13.28(26)“c”(12)** as follows:

(12) Teaching and counseling practicum. ~~The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with elementary and middle school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group counseling, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation. The candidate will complete a preservice supervised practicum of a minimum of 100 hours, and at least 40 of these hours must be direct service. Candidates will complete a supervised internship for a minimum~~

of 600 hours, and at least 240 of these hours must be direct service. For candidates seeking both the K-8 and 5-12 professional school counselor endorsements, a minimum of 100 hours of the practicum or internship experiences listed above must be completed at each of the desired endorsement levels.

ITEM 2. Amend subparagraph **13.28(27)“c”(2)** as follows:

(2) The teaching and counseling practicum. ~~The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with middle and secondary school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group work, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation. The candidate will complete a preservice supervised practicum and an internship that meet the requirements set forth in 13.28(26)“c”(12).~~

ITEM 3. Amend subparagraph **27.3(1)“c”(2)** as follows:

(2) The teaching and counseling practicum. ~~The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with elementary and middle school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group counseling, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation. The candidate will complete a preservice supervised practicum and an internship that meet the requirements set forth in 282—subparagraph 13.28(26)“c”(12).~~

ITEM 4. Amend subparagraph **27.3(2)“c”(2)** as follows:

(2) The teaching and counseling practicum. ~~The school counselor demonstrates competency in conducting classroom sessions with middle and secondary school students. The practicum consisting of a minimum of 500 contact hours provides opportunities for the prospective counselor, under the supervision of a licensed professional school counselor, to engage in a variety of activities in which a regularly employed school counselor would be expected to participate including, but not limited to, individual counseling, group work, developmental classroom guidance, and consultation. The candidate will complete a preservice supervised practicum and an internship that meet the requirements set forth in 282—subparagraph 13.28(26)“c”(12).~~